

## ***ISTEP+:* Grade 8 English/Language Arts Blueprint**

*There are seven Indiana Standards for English/Language Arts. Standards 1-6 are assessed on ISTEP+; Standard 7 - Listening and Speaking is assessed in the classroom.*

<b>Standard Assessed</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Percent Range *</b>
1 – <b>READING:</b> Word Recognition, Fluency, and Vocabulary Development	Questions may include determining the meaning of new words in context; identifying and interpreting figurative language; and understanding the influence of historical events on English words.	5-15%
2 – <b>READING:</b> Comprehension and Analysis of Nonfiction and Informational Text	Questions may include analyzing the format, structure and purpose of informational text; evaluating the logic of the text; and drawing conclusions about a text, using supporting textual evidence.	15-25%
3 – <b>READING:</b> Comprehension and Analysis of Literary Text	Questions may include evaluating structural elements of plot; analyzing importance of setting on mood, tone, and the meaning of text; and identifying and explaining the effects of significant literary devices.	15-25%
4 – <b>WRITING:</b> Process and Features	Questions may include evaluating and revising writing for clarity, meaning, and organization.	5-15%
5 – <b>WRITING:</b> Applications	Questions may include writing persuasive, narrative, descriptive, and expository compositions that are organized, focused, well-developed and supported; identifying varied word choice to make writing interesting; and evaluating summaries that contain the main idea of a text.	18-28%
6 – <b>WRITING:</b> English Language Conventions	Questions may include identifying correct grade-level grammar, spelling, punctuation and capitalization; demonstrating knowledge of complex sentence construction; and producing legible work that demonstrates Standard English conventions.	12-22%

\* This range represents the approximate emphasis for each reporting category on the assessment.